be less than two years and the minimum fine would not be less than Rs. 10,000/-.

(iii) Offences under Chapter VA (concerning prohibition of trade or commerce in trophies, animal articles, etc. derived from scheduled animals) are punishable with a term of imprisonment which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to seven years and also with a fine which shall not be less than Rs. 5,000/-.

(iv) For offences in relation to zoos, the punishment prescribed is imprisonment up to six months or with a fine which may extend to Rs. 2,000/- or with both. For a subsequent offence of this nature the term of imprisonment may extend up to one year and the fine may extend to Rs. 5,000/-.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government has yet not taken a final view on the revised level of penalties.

Losses of IFC & HFC

*192. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector urea producing units namely, Indian Fertilizer Corporation and Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited are running into losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to close down or handover both of these corporations to private sector.

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The losses suffered by Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) and Hindustan

Fertilizer Corporation Ltd (HFC) during the last three years and the reasons thereof are given below:

(Rs/Crore)

Name of the PSU	Profit/(Loss) 1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Main reasons for Losses
Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. I	(735.69)	(838.29)	(813.84)	Technological, design and equipment deficiencies, frequent equipment breakdowns, increase in the cost of liquid petroleum products, power shortages, industrial relations problems, and surplus manpower and resource constraints.
Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.	(647.83)	(514.49)	(580.71)	Technological, design and equipment deficiencies, frequent equipment breakdowns, increase in the cost of liquid petroleum products, power shortages, industrial relations problems, and surplus manpower and resource constraints.

(c) to (e) While a decision has already been taken by the Government to close/hive off Haldia Fertilizer Project of HFC

which could never be commissioned, the revamp of Namrup Unit of HFC has been approved and is under implementation. Comprehensive rehabilitation proposal in respect of the remaining units of HFC and FCI based on unitwise techno-economic viability are under Government's consideration.

Sick Fertilizer Plants

*193. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer plants that have fallen sick;

(b) the location of those plants and the reasons for their sickness;

(c) whether Government propose to revive some of those plants; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard particularly for revival of Talcher fertilizer plant in Orissa.

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) The names of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in Fertilizer Sector declared as sick units by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), the location of their plants and the reasons of sickness of these PSUs are given below:—

Name of the PSU	Locations of the plant	Main reasons for Losses
Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.(FCI)	Ramagundam (A.P.), Talchar (Orissa), Sindri (Bihar) & Gorakhpur (U.P.)	Technological, design and equipment deficiencies, frequent equipment breakdowns, increase in the cost of liquid petroleum products, power shortages, industrial relations problems and surplus manpower and resource constraints.